

Security Information

1 September 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, SE

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - August 1952

1. W/T contact has been successfully maintained with two active operational teams, one in southern and one in eastern Albania. A third team established a series of dead-drops for passing intelligence. Approximately 1400 pounds of supplies were successfully dropped to the team in eastern Albania in the early part of August. The team in southern Albania was forced to exfiltrate into Greece due to unusual patrol activity in the area of operations; later in August the team was successfully reinfilitrated.

2. The National Committee for a Free Albania has been in almost constant session in Italy in an effort to work out closer cooperation between diverse elements in Albanian emigre circles and to arrive at a solution which will make possible the broadening of the Committee. The need to achieve a unified political program is underlined by the increasing Yugoslav preoccupation with the Albanian problem and our desire to establish an effective entity capable of counteracting the strength of the Yugoslav-sponsored Albanian Committee. Related to the above aspect of the problem are the negotiations now being conducted in Yugoslavia between a representative of King Zog and a representative of Marshal Tito on possible Yugoslav-Albanian cooperation. In this connection, a senior staff member of the Southeastern Europe Division has flown to Cairo for operational discussions and coordination with King Zog. Of significant importance is the receipt by our Rome representative of a purported Yugoslav plan for the invasion of Albania, calling for the use of 6,000 mobilized Albanian exiles in Yugoslavia.

3. The semi-monthly newspaper published by the NCFA was distributed on schedule and regular broadcasts were made into Albania from our Athens

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4. The field chief of Albanian operations has returned to headquarters for consultation.

5. A serious operational problem which our Albanian program must face is the lack of Albanian currency without which operations within the country are rendered much more difficult and insecure. The Yugoslav UDB has agreed to make every effort to obtain Albanian currency for us even though their own operations into Albania have been hampered by the lack of currency. Every other available source of Albanian currency has been unsuccessfully explored.

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